

to come in direct contact with the actual Negro problem, to make it thorough, practical, and as nearly as possible self-supporting; so to instruct its students in character building, in simple education, and in practical labor that each one can become a useful member of the community, by the upbuilding of the whole neighborhood, and show that it is worth while to do this kind of mission work. Secondly, to keep alive the philanthropic interest in the colored race, to increase interest in the Negro problem and furnish an opportunity for its expression.

The Christian Education of the Negro

By the Christian Woman's Board of Missions

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THE Christian Woman's Board has the work among the Negroes for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In 1890 the National Convention organized "The Board of Negro Education and Evangelization," and took under its care the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss.

This convention made the Christian Woman's Board of Missions responsible for education and evangelization in connection with the work of the church, and the schools at Edwards, Louisville, Lum, and Martinsville were placed under its direction. Warner Institute at Jonesboro, Tenn., opened in 1907.

Mr. C. C. Smith, secretary of the Negro work, says in a booklet issued January, 1909: "If the real worth of work of this kind is in the characters it sends forth, surely our schools for Negroes stand very high. In any comprehensive study of this work, it ought not to be forgotten that our schools are doing their work with entirely inadequate equipment. Not only should this work be enlarged, but the work we have set our hands to should be better equipped every way and we ought to enter new fields."

Lum Graded School, Lum, Ala.

Isom C. Franklin, President

THE Lum School was founded about 1894 by H. J. Brayboy. It is under the care of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. There were 2 male and 4 female Negro teachers and 34 male and 50 female students in 1908.

The property is valued at \$5,000. The annual expenses are about \$2,500, secured by tuition and from the Woman's Board. Three of the students are studying for the ministry.

Mr. Brayboy, who started the school, mortgaged his own little home that the school building might be erected. A white woman gave a small piece of land. This was the beginning.



LUM GRADED SCHOOL, LUM, ALA.

The Board soon came to the aid of the work, and it has prospered until now the school has 65 acres of land and 8 buildings.

The course of study enables those who complete it to get a first-class teacher's certificate in any part of the South. Girls receive instruction in sewing and boys are taught agriculture.

A teacher is employed to teach the Bible as a special course. The school has a literary society, library, and reading rooms. Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor services are held on Sunday. There is also an auxiliary of the Woman's Board.



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